

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in this application.

Listing of Claims:

1. [Original] An extruded pipe connectable to a pressurized fluid source via a first end of said pipe, the pipe comprising drip-irrigation plug emitter mounted integrally therein during the extrusion process of the pipe, said plug emitter having an inlet in fluid communication with said first end of the pipe, a drip outlet in fluid communication with a second end of the pipe, and a flow-restricting path therebetween, said emitter plugging the pipe with respect to any fluid flow except for the flow through said flow-restricting path.
2. [Previously presented] An extruded pipe according to Claim 1, constituting a plugged section of a continuous long pipe comprising a plurality of such sections, said extruded pipe resulting from cutting said continuous long pipe.
3. [Original] An extruded pipe according to Claim 1, having at least one additional plug emitter allowing to adjust the length of said flow-restricting path by cutting off the plug emitter which is closer to said second end.
4. [Original] An extruded pipe according to Claim 1, wherein said plug emitter forms a swelling at the outer surface of the pipe.
5. [Original] An extruded pipe according to Claim 1, wherein said pipe and said plug emitter are adapted to be cut together, thereby allowing to adjust the length of said flow-restricting path.

6. [Original] An extruded pipe according to Claim 1, wherein said flow-restricting path is formed as a flow labyrinth.
7. [Original] An extruded pipe according to Claim 6, wherein said plug emitter has peripheral surface formed with a labyrinth channel, and said flow labyrinth is defined, at least in part, by said labyrinth channel and an adjacent wall of said pipe.
8. [Previously presented] An integral drip-irrigation plug emitter adapted for mounting inside an extruded pipe according to Claim 1.
9. [Original] A drip-irrigation plug emitter according to Claim 8, further having a filter means disposed upstream of said flow labyrinth.
10. [Original] A drip-irrigation plug emitter according to Claim 8, wherein said flow labyrinth is symmetric relative to the direction of flow therethrough to an extent that the flow inlet may be used as a drip outlet and vice versa.
11. [Previously presented] A drip-irrigation plug emitter according to Claim 10, further having two integral filter means disposed each at one end of said flow labyrinth.
12. [Previously Presented] A method for extrusion of a continuous long pipe comprised of sections constituting the extruded pipe of Claim 1, wherein said method includes inserting said plug emitters at predetermined intervals during the extrusion process so that said pipe is plugged by each emitter with respect to any fluid flow except for the flow path through the emitter.
13. [Original] A method according to Claim 12, further including cutting said long pipe into said sections.

14. [Original] A method according to Claim 13, wherein each said section has an end adjacent to the drip outlet of said emitter.

15. [Original] An extruded pipe according to Claim 1, further having a means for fixing said second end of the pipe in suitable position relative to an irrigated plant.

16. [Original] An extruded pipe according to Claim 15, having a portion of the pipe between said second end and said drip outlet adapted to accommodate said fixing means inside said portion.

17. [Original] An extruded pipe according to Claim 16, wherein said fixing means is an elongated body with one end tightly insertable into said portion of the pipe and a pointed second end adapted to sink in the soil.

18. [Cancelled]

19. [Cancelled]

20. [Previously presented] A drip-irrigation plug emitter according to Claim 8, wherein said plug emitter has peripheral surface formed with a labyrinth channel, and said flow-restricting path is defined, at least in part, by said labyrinth channel and an adjacent wall of said pipe.

21. [Cancelled]

22. [Cancelled]

23. [Currently Amended] A continuous long extruded pipe adapted to be cut into pipe sections, each pipe section being connectable to a pressurized fluid source via a first end of said pipe section, each pipe section comprising a drip-irrigation plug emitter mounted integrally therein during the extrusion

process of the continuous pipe, said plug emitter having an inlet in fluid communication with said first end of the pipe section, a drip outlet in fluid communication with a second end of the pipe section, and a flow-restricting path therebetween, said emitter plugging the pipe section with respect to any fluid flow except for the flow through said flow-restricting path, and ~~forming~~ forming a swelling at the outer surface of the pipe.

24. [New] An extruded pipe connectable to a pressurized fluid source via a first end of said pipe, the pipe comprising a drip-irrigation plug emitter mounted integrally therein during the extrusion process of the pipe, said plug emitter having an inlet in fluid communication with said first end of the pipe, a drip outlet in fluid communication with a second end of the pipe, said first end of the pipe being upstream of the inlet, and said second end of the pipe being downstream of said drip outlet; and a flow-restricting path therebetween, said emitter plugging the pipe with respect to any fluid flow except for the flow through said flow-restricting path.

25. [New] An extruded pipe connectable to a pressurized fluid source via a first end of said pipe, the pipe comprising a drip-irrigation plug emitter mounted integrally therein during the extrusion process of the pipe, said plug emitter having an inlet in fluid communication with said first end of the pipe, a drip outlet in fluid communication with a second end of the pipe, and a flow-restricting path therebetween, said emitter being fully surrounded by the pipe and plugging the pipe with respect to any fluid flow except for the flow through said flow-restricting path.

26. [New] An extruded pipe according to Claim 24, wherein the flow-restricting path extends between the inlet and the drip outlet.

27. [New] An extruded pipe according to Claim 26, wherein the flow-restricting path is in the form of a labyrinth.

28. [New] A method according to Claim 12, wherein the plug emitters are inserted into the pipe so as to be tightly surrounded thereby.